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SUBJECT: IRON ORE

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FOR LIBREVILLE:

1. SUBSTANCE MBOUY-BOUTZIT STATEMENTS REPORTED REFTEL PASSED ALONG TO BETHLEHEM, EMPHASIZING USG HAS NO DESIRE INTERFERE IN BETHLEHEM'S DECISION MAKING.
 2. BETHLEHEM CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE PARA 2 REFTEL, BUT ADDED THAT COMPANY AWAITING INFORMATION MBOUY-BOUTZIT PROMISED SCHNEIDER IN PARIS REGARDING SAUDI ARABIAN PRINCIPALS AND THEIR PLANS FOR STEEL MILL TO UTILIZE GABONESE IRON ORE. UPON RECEIPT SUCH INFORMATION BETHLEHEM
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WOULD GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT

SHOULD FACTS OF SITUATION SO WARRANT.

3- NEITHER COMMERCE NOR DEPARTMENT AWARE ANY SAUDI ARABIAN PLANS FOR STEEL MILL OTHER THAN PROJECT INVOLVING U.S. FIRM, MARCONA, TO USE BRAZILIAN IRON ORE. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THIS PROJECT MIGHT ALSO TAKE GABONESE ORE.

FOR JIDDA:

4. EMBASSY JIDDA REQUESTED REPORT WHETHER OR NOT SAUDIS CONSIDERING USE OF GABONESE IRON ORE. IF SAUDIS INDEED CONTEMPLATING SUCH UNDERTAKING, ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN SUPPLY REGARDING NAMES OF SAUDI PRINCIPALS, MAGNITUDE AND TIMING WOULD BE APPRECIATED. EMBASSY'S EVALUATION PROSPECTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. KISSINGER

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